

Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Host: Southeast Kansas Respite Services

November 8, 2011

Participants: Gina Ervay – ROCKO, Kelly Evans – Trinity In-Home Care, Martha McCabe – Catholic Charities, Lindsey Norton - Alzheimer’s Association, Tom Racunas – Catholic Diocese of Wichita, Diane Salyers - Southeast Kansas Respite Services, Marilyn Thomas – Jayhawk AAA, Tamara Tiemann – KDOA, Phyllis Tillinghast – East Central AAA

Upcoming Meeting Dates (11am-12pm): Jan. 10, 2012; Mar. 13, 2012; May 8, 2012; July 10, 2012; Sept. 11, 2012; Nov. 13, 2012

Gina Ervay updated the coalition on progress related to the Kansas Lifespan Respite Grant. KDOA will be subcontracting the grant rather than hiring a grant project coordinator. A change was made in the work plan to eliminate the 22 listening tours. Additional work plan tasks include: 1) building partnerships with community colleges to develop either a direct care professional credentialing program or a related Associate’s degree; and 2) faith-based training and consultation to initiate development of volunteer respite care programs. Other components of the work plan that will remain the same include: statewide marketing campaign, registry data base of respite care providers, 1-800 caregiving phone line, and website for respite resources and training.

Gina Ervay updated the coalition on the National Respite Conference on Nov. 1 – 4, 2011.

- Highlights of state respite care initiatives include the following components:
 - Needs Assessments
 - Coalition Growth and Development
 - Partnership Development/Enhancement
 - Workforce Training/Development
 - Service Provision
 - Marketing/Awareness Campaigns
- 30 States have lifespan respite grants to date with 7 of them receiving additional expansion grants to fund expanded services
- Administration on Aging is requesting \$10 million to be appropriated for lifespan respite in 2012; Closer to \$2.5 million is anticipated; Program announcements expected in Spring 2012 with August 1, 2012 grant start dates
- States expressed a need for funding for the following initiatives:
 - Focusing on people falling through cracks not receiving a funding source
 - Tools and systems to enhance/empower volunteer respite options

- Low cost methods for providing respite ie: faith-based
- Look at workforce development opportunities
- National marketing campaign around respite awareness
- Align duties and funding to empower coalitions to remain active
- Mold together funding sources for various special needs/ages to ease burden on caregivers needing help
- Continue support for Companions for Seniors (funding is currently endangered)
- Continue technical support for ARCH National Respite Network
- How to do service implementation in a variety of ways
- Spotlight successful efforts
- Standardize measurement of outcomes
- Connect the dots for respite with other federal initiatives - Money Follows the Person and ADRC
- Develop a unified marketing message
- More direct funding for gap populations

Gina Ervay provided an update on the Kansas Lifespan Respite Coalition's application for support from the Kansas Leadership Center. The Kansas Leadership Center will award one project in Kansas, and will train up to 400 people on leadership and community engagement focusing on an issue to improve the health of Kansas communities. There is a mandatory team meeting in Wichita on Dec. 16th from 9 am – 3 pm. Coalition members interested in participating should email your RSVP to Gina at gervay@rockoinc.org.

It was noted that the Affordable Care Act contains some verbiage regarding payment for training for direct care workers. The question was posed to the coalition regarding who at the state level might know if funding for Kansas could be used for this purpose. Martha McCabe suggested contacting the Kansas Health Institute for more information.

Next Steps: 3 committees will be formed to focus on grant specific tasks: 1) statewide marketing campaign; 2) respite registry; and 3) college partnerships.

Three coalition members volunteered to start the Marketing Committee: Martha McCabe, Kelly Evans and Gina Ervay. Any other members interested in joining, please contact Gina at gervay@rockoinc.org.

Martha will provide an example of a competitive bid RFP to use in soliciting bids from marketing agencies.

The marketing committee can utilize Go To Meeting via access through Catholic Charities.

Coalition members are each asked to recruit one additional stakeholder for the next coalition meeting.

Diane Salyers volunteered to call some previously active coalition members to update them on current progress and recruit future participation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Gina Ervay.